



South Coast Air Quality Management District

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TITLE V PERMIT AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is the air pollution control agency for the four county region including all of Orange County and non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Rule 3006 requires that the AQMD publish this notice prior to the renewal of a Title V permit. The facility subject to this Title V permit renewal is:

Exide Technologies

2700 South Indiana Street

Vernon, CA 90058

Facility ID# 124838

Facility Contact Person:

Mr. John Hogarth

Plant Manager

This is an existing facility that is applying for a Title V permit renewal. Exide Technologies was a secondary lead smelter that recovered lead metal from lead acid batteries. The facility operated a battery crushing and materials separation system, a rotary dryer, a reverberatory furnace, a cupola (blast) furnace, several pot furnaces, and a waste water treatment system. Multiple air pollution control devices were employed including an afterburner, and several scrubbers and multiple baghouses. Exide announced in March 2014 that the facility would be permanently closed and since has ceased operation of, and/or removed, all of the major process equipment including the battery crusher and feed preparation equipment, and all the furnaces. Portions of the waste water treatment system are still in operation as are the baghouses and one scrubber. The facility is also currently operating under two Rule 1420.1 compliance plans. One of these Rule 1420.1 compliance plans deals specifically with closure activities and measures to control any fugitive lead dust. This compliance plan, in conjunction with the still operating baghouses, will continue to contain and control fugitive lead dust emissions from entering the atmosphere during closure activities at the facility. Five existing ambient air monitors for lead and arsenic remain at locations on the facility premises as indicators of the effectiveness of fugitive dust control while the facility goes through the closure process.

As a non-operating secondary lead smelter, Exide has not applied for consideration to be removed from the Title V permit program. Thus, pursuant to Title V requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and AQMD Rule 3004(f), a Title V permit shall expire five years from the date of issuance unless such permit has been renewed. Accordingly, the above facility has submitted a Title V renewal application and requested the AQMD to renew their Title V permit. The proposed permit incorporates updates to the facility information, as provided in the facilities Title V renewal application, as well as updates to all rules and regulations that

are currently applicable to the facility, and removal of non-operating equipment and/or removed equipment from the permit.

As required by Title V of the federal Clean Air Act, the Title V permit includes all the emission limits, applicable requirements and operating conditions imposed on the equipment. Title V facilities are required to certify compliance with the Title V permit standards in addition to recordkeeping and mandatory reporting of any deviation of the permit conditions.

The proposed permit is available for public review at the AQMD, 21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765 and at the El Camino Real Library, 4264 East Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90023. The proposed permit can also be viewed at <http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/publicnotices2/Search.aspx> by entering the facility's ID number. Information regarding the facility owner's compliance history submitted to the AQMD pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 42336, or otherwise known to the AQMD based on credible information, is also available from the AQMD for public review. **Anyone wishing to comment on the issuance of the proposed renewal permit should submit their comments by April 11, 2017. Written comments should be submitted to:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Engineering and Permitting
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178
Attention: Andrew Lee
Sr. AQ Engineering Manager

A Public Consultation Meeting regarding the Title V Permit Renewal for this facility will be held on March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church, 3324 Opal Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90023.

If you are concerned primarily about zoning decisions and the process by which this facility has been sited at this location, you should contact your local city or county planning department. For additional information, please contact Mr. Andrew Lee at (909) 396-2643 or by e-mail at alee@aqmd.gov.

The public may request AQMD to conduct a public hearing on the proposed permit by submitting a Hearing Request Form (Form 500 -G) to Andrew Lee at the above AQMD address. **The SCAQMD will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed permit if there is evidence that it is not correct or is not adequate to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, and a hearing will likely provide additional information that will affect the drafting and/or issuance of the permit.** The public hearing request must contain all the information requested on the form in order for the AQMD to determine whether or not the

request is valid and if a public hearing will be held. The public hearing request forms may be obtained from the AQMD by calling the Title V hotline at (909) 396-3013, or downloading from the internet at <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/grants/500-g-form.pdf?sfvrsn=2>. **Any request for a public hearing must be submitted to the AQMD no later than March 28, 2017. At the same time, a copy of the hearing request must also be sent by first class mail to the facility contact person listed above at the same time.**

Right to Petition U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Reconsideration: Title V Permits are also subject to review and approval by US EPA. If a public comment is sent to the SCAQMD for this permit, and the SCAQMD has

not addressed the comment in a satisfactory manner, and the EPA has not objected to the proposed permit, then the public may submit a petition requesting that the EPA reconsider the decision not to object. Petitions shall be submitted to US EPA, Region 9, Operating Permits Section at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, within 60 days after the end of the 45-day EPA review period. The EPA review period for this permit starts no earlier than March 3, 2017. EPA's review status may be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/electronic-permit-submittal-system-region-9>.

For your general information, anyone experiencing air quality problems such as dust, smoke and odors can telephone in a complaint to the AQMD by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664).